

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/16/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14 and 16-19.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

  
CAO (KEVIN) NGUYEN  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

## DETAILED ACTION

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with A. Bruce Clay on 06/20/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 15 is canceled.

**(Currently Amended)** Claim 1. A method for generating a prioritized view of a plurality of messages, comprising the steps of: defining one or more concepts against which a message can be prioritized, the or each concept comprising one or more conditions against which a message can be tested; for each message, generating a fit to a selected one or more said concepts, said corresponding to whether or not said message fulfils said conditions; and creating a display representative of the respective fits of said messages to said one or more selected concepts, wherein each concept comprises one or more scenarios, the or each scenario comprising one or more of said conditions, and wherein said fit generating step comprises testing each message against the or each condition in the or each scenario for a user selected concept to generate a for the or each scenario.

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**(Currently Amended)** Claim 16. A method as claimed ~~15~~ 1 wherein said fit for said concept is the highest of said fits for the or each scenario.

**(Currently Amended)** Claim 17. A method as claimed ~~15~~ 1 wherein said fit for said concept is the aggregate of said fits for the or each scenario.

**(Currently Amended)** Claim 18. A message viewer for generating a prioritized view of a plurality of messages, comprising: means for defining one or more concepts against which a message can be prioritized, the or each concept comprising one or more conditions against which a message can be tested; means, operable on each message, for generating a fit to a selected one or more of said concepts, said fit corresponding to whether or not said message fulfils said conditions; and means for creating a display representative of the respective fits of said messages to said one or more selected concepts, wherein each concept comprises one or more scenarios, the or each scenario comprising one or more of said conditions, and wherein said fit generating step comprises testing each message against the or each condition in the or each scenario for a user selected concept to generate a for the or each scenario. The closest prior art of Griesau and Abecassis discloses a conventional

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-14 and 16-19 are allowable over prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant has claimed uniquely distinct features in the instant invention which are not found in the prior art, either singularly or in combination a method means for creating a display representative of the respective fits of said messages to said one or more selected concepts, wherein each concept

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comprises one or more scenarios, the or each scenario comprising one or more of said conditions, and wherein said fit generating step comprises testing each message against the or each condition in the or each scenario for a user selected concept to generate a for the or each scenario. The closest prior art Henderson discloses a conventional messaging system uses the standard email subject line to control where a message gets delivered, when a message gets delivered and the appearance of a message when it gets delivered; either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underline limitation obvious.

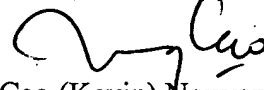
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)272-4053. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (571)272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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